



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

December 6, 2006

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, at the home of Chad Morgan, 121 S. Caldwell Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Greta Connor, Suzette Davis, Diane Gibbs, Barbara Lawther, Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Johnny Safrit, and former member Judy Kandl

Absent: Cindee Bridges, Bill Safrit, and Tom Wolpert

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the November meeting were approved. The members of the committee welcomed Diane Gibbs to her first CAC meeting. Diane works for Burgin, Ramsey, and Smith Architects and was appointed by Council to replace Judy Kandl, who was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art in Public Places

Dan Mikkelson will address the Public Art Committee about the center column for the Innes Street Bridge Gateway art project. NC DOT is not in favor of the central column.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

The Neighborhood Leadership Alliance housing subcommittee will meet Thursday, December 7, at 4 p.m. at City Hall to prepare for the December 19 presentation to City Council. Greta Connor and Barbara Perry will offer the presentation. Lynn Raker provided a handout that outlined the committee's goal, activities, actions, and recommendations. Lynn Raker, Greta Connor, Barbara Perry and Joe Morris met with David Treme to get his approval to proceed to City Council.

There is still concern from members of the CAC that the corridor issue has not been solved. Salisbury needs to improve its gateway appearances.

The vote was unanimous (8-0) to proceed with the presentation to City Council.

Dixonville Cemetery Meeting—This was a very well informed group. They went for a site visit and determined their next steps. Betty Dan Spencer has made commendable efforts in research and initiating this project. The next meeting will be January 4, at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

Neighborhood Signs—Lynn Raker brought everyone up-to-date on the neighborhood signs. Park Avenue Neighborhood's Board of Directors voted to proceed with the CAC recommendation, Jersey City will wait on the Branding and Wayfinding recommendation, and Fairview Heights is unknown. (Judy Kandl and Barbara Perry were interviewed by the Branding and Wayfinding consultants.)

Landscaping

Landscape of the Month: Robert Crum has a sign installed on his property. The other sign is at City Hall and is in bad shape.

Downtown Storefront Holiday Decoration Award—The committee set a date to view the decorations in downtown shops (Friday 12/8) that was later changed to Thursday, December 14, at 10:30 a.m., as the weather improved.

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

The committee thought that a sign in the window of a project given a grant would promote the program. A sign could read something like, "Another City of Salisbury and the Community Appearance Commission grant project."

MSD Report

ADDRESS	PROJECT AMT.	ELIGIBLE	GRANT AMT.
128 E. Innes Street	\$ 29,850.00	\$ 14,925.00	\$ 5,000.00
202 N. Lee St.	\$ 123,200.00	na	\$ 2,500.00
105 E. Fisher St.	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00
300 S. Main St.	\$ 128,913.50	na	\$ 2,500.00
131 N. Main St.	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 2,500.00
	\$ 1,600.00		500.00
119 E. Fisher St.	\$ 1,019.00	\$ 509.50	\$ 509.50
113-115 W. Fisher St.	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 1,500.00
221 S. Main St.	\$ 61,910.00	na	\$ 5,000.00
118 W. Innes St.	\$ 23,456.00	\$ 11,728.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total Project Amounts	\$ 360,598.50		
Appropriation 7-1-06	\$ 25,000.00		
Awarded funds pending approval	\$ 23,584.50		
Funds Remaining	\$ 1,415.50		

ISG Report

ADDRESS	PROJECT AMT.	ELIGIBLE	GRANT AMT.
119 S. Main St.	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
203-205 S. Main St.	\$ 3,582.00	\$ 1,791.00	\$ 1,791.00
300 S. Main St.	\$ 128,913.50	\$ 5,625.00	\$ 5,000.00
		(175 feet)	
202 N. Lee St.	\$ 123,200.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 5,000.00
		(340 feet)	
105 N. Main St.	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 2,075.00
125 S. Main St.	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,275.00
115 W. Innes St.	\$ 789.00	\$ 394.50	\$ 450.00
207 S. Main St.	\$ 699.00	\$ 349.50	\$ 349.50
116 1/2 N. Main St.	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
221 S. Main St.	\$ 61,910.00	na	\$ 1,000.00
100 S. Main St.	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
Total Project Amounts	\$ 328,693.50		
Appropriation 7/01/06	\$ 22,000.00		
Requested funds			
Awarded funds (pending approval)	\$ 20,690.50		
Funds Remaining	\$ 1,309.50		

GOALS AND HIGHLIGHTS

January 16, 2007, the City Council will receive a presentation from the CAC on their goals. Johnny Safrit said construction costs have nearly doubled; we need to ask for \$35,000 for ISG and \$30,000 for MSD Grants. A flow chart was requested that demonstrates the applications and construction costs; the grants need to keep up with inflation. The full commission will vote on the goals at the regular January meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. and the committee moved to a social celebration of the holiday season. The next regular CAC meeting will be January 3, 2007.

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